

**Weekly Status & Information Report:
Week of January 1 - January 5, 2007**

1. **Stormwater Management:** Work has begun on the extension of the stormdrain line on Elm Avenue and Lincoln Avenue. The work is expected to take 2 weeks or more and is weather dependent. *(Public Works)*

2. **Resident Concerns:** On January 03, 2007, Acting Chief Coursey, Barb Matthews and Sara Daines attended a meeting with residents along the Maple/Sherman Avenue corridor. Residents voiced their concerns with quality of life issues such as loitering, graffiti, noise, littering and suspected drug activity. The Police Department will be collaborating with the Housing Department and residents to address these concerns. *(Police)*

3. **Suspects in Custody:** On December 18, a Takoma Park resident, who was previously charged with 1st degree assault and weapons charges stemming from a March 2006 incident in the 7600 blk of Maple Ave, was sentenced to 8 years confinement by a Montgomery County Circuit Court Judge. A third and final Takoma Park resident was arrested this week on conspiracy charges relating to this incident. Charges were also filed this week on a Montgomery County resident in connection with the December 11th bank robbery at SunTrust Bank, 6931 Laurel Avenue. The suspect is currently being held at the Montgomery County Detention Center on charges relating to a recent Silver Spring bank robbery. *(Police)*

4. **Enforcement Initiatives:** On December 19, the patrol division initiated 7 directed enforcement initiatives throughout the city. These initiatives will address speed violations, pedestrian safety and adherence to traffic control devices. *(Police)*

5. **Traffic Enforcement (Wards 1, 3, 4 & 5):** Officers conducted at least 105 traffic stops this week, 81 of which ended in written citations and 3 vehicle impounds. More than half of the stops were made on New Hampshire, Flower, Maple and Philadelphia Avenues. *(Police)*

6. **Domestic Violence Awareness:** On December 18, Mary Kendall, CSAFE Director, Gretchen Hilburger (CSAFE), and members of the Montgomery County Police Victims Assistance Program distributed domestic violence awareness brochures to the business establishments in the Takoma/Langley Crossroads area. Merchants have agreed to package these brochures in customer packaging to educate the community on domestic violence awareness and reporting. *(Police)*

7. **A New Virtual Environment:** On December 29, contractors from Nelson White Systems, Inc, completed installation and testing on the audio visual and video conferencing system installed in the Police Conference Room. This system will enable member agencies of the Council of Governments to communicate via a virtual environment during times of emergency. *(Police)*

8. **Vehicle Enforcement (Wards 2, 3 and 4):** Officers conducted at least 137 traffic stops during the week of December 22. One hundred twenty-one (121) of the stops ended in written citations and 4 vehicle impounds. More than half of the stops were made on New Hampshire, Flower Avenue, University Boulevard, and Piney Branch Road. *(Police)*

9. Instant Runoff Voting: City TV and City Clerk staff are working on an informational video about Instant Runoff Voting in preparation for the upcoming election. This piece will be featured in Snapshots, archived on the city web site, provided to the Takoma Park Maryland Library for patron check out and will be available on request by the middle of the month. *(Communications, City Clerk)*

10. Enterprise Zone Meeting (Wards 2, 3, & 6): The City is hosting another monthly Enterprise Zone meeting for businesses in the area of New Hampshire Avenue Corridor and University Boulevard. The meeting will be at the Takoma Park Recreation Center at 10:30 AM on Tuesday, January 9. This month businesses will hear from the SHA Project Engineer and learn more about the road work project currently underway at the Crossroads. *(Housing and Community Development)*

11. Tenant Opportunity to Purchase (Ward 4): Tenants residing at 7716 and 7720 Maple Avenue (20 units) were sent notices on December 21, by owner Adventist Health Care, Inc, that the rental properties are being sold. There is a third party contract for \$1,100,000. The Tenants have 45 days from the date they received the notice to match the contract. Letters have been sent to the tenants advising them of their rights under the law as well as notification that the city's community organizers can assist them in organizing a tenants' association should they want to pursue their right to purchase. *(Housing and Community Development)*

12. After-School Olympics: The Afternoon Addition is holding the After-school Olympics. They divided into three teams and are competing in several events: relays, 20 questions, Charades, Pictionary, sports and much more. The Olympics will continue through the month of January. *(Recreation)*

13. Takoma Park Sports Programs Update:

- Friday Night Y.E.S. League: The regular season starts January 5 at 6:30 pm at Piney Branch Elem. Three games every Friday. Six teams, 52 kids participating in grades 7 - 9. Weeknite practices on Mondays and Wednesdays.
- Youth Community Basketball Program: Fifteen 3rd and 4th grade kids participate in an 8-week clinic every Saturday from 9 - 10:30 am at PBES.
- Takoma Park Basketball League: 33 kids participate on 4 different teams every Saturday at PBES, starting at 11 am. First game: January 28. Weeknite practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Indoor Soccer Program: We have 2 divisions: 1st/2nd grade & 3rd/4th grade. Both divisions have 4 teams. A total of 63 kids have signed up. Team practices start this Sunday at the Recreation Center on New Hampshire Avenue. The little kids start at 1 pm and the big kids start at 3 pm. *(Recreation)*